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1. ASSANE SECK'S EXTENSIVE REMARKS ON SENEGALESE
FOREIGN POLICY MADE BEFORE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OCTOBER 24,
WERE ESSENTIALLY A RESPONSE TO RECENT GUINEAN ATTACKS ON
GOS. OVER HALF SPEECH DEVOTED TO THAT PURPOSE. HIGHLIGHT
OF THESE REMARKS WAS PROPOSAL THAT AN INTERNATIONAL
COMMISSION BE FORMED WHICH WOULD VISIT GUINEA AND SENEGAL.
SENEGAL, SECK SAID, IS READY TO RECEIVE SUCH A COMMISSION
"ASSURED THAT IT WOULD KNOW HOW TO EVALUATE THE MERITS OF
THE GUINEAN CALUMNIES".

2. ACCORDING TO SECK, SEKOU TOURE HAS DISTRIBUTED TO ALL
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DOCUMENT DETAILING HIS CHARGES AGAINST SENEGAL. ON INTERNATIONAL FRONT, GUINEANS ACCUSE GOS OF COLLUSION WITH PORTUGAL AND SOUTH AFRICA AS WELL AS WITH ISRAEL AGAINST THE ARABS. REFTEL CONTAINS SECK'S REPLY WITH RESPECT TO MIDDLE EAST, WHICH ESSENTIALLY CLAIMS SENEGAL HAS ALWAYS SUPPORTED ARABS. SECK GOES TO SOME LENGTH TO MAKE CLEAR THAT, FAR FROM BEING FRIEND OF PORTUGAL, SENEGAL HAS BEEN VICTIM OF PORTUGUESE AGGRESSION AND HAS BEEN ACTIVE IN SUPPORT OF THE PAIGC AND GUINEA-BISSAU. WITH REGARD SOUTH AFRICA, SECK MERELY NOTED GOS POSITION THAT SOLUTION OF PROBLEM MUST BE THROUGH DIALOGUE AS PROVIDED IN LUSAKA MANIFESTO, BUT THAT THIS MUST BE A DIALOGUE WITH MAJORITY OF PEOPLE. ON DOMESTIC FRONT, SECK ALSO REFUTED GUINEAN CHARGES THAT SENEGAL IS AN ANTI-SOCIALIST COUNTRY BECAUSE IT DOES BUSINESS WITH WESTERN COUNTRIES.

3. WITH REGARD TO BILATERAL RELATIONS BETWEEN GUINEA AND SENEGAL, SECK REHASHED PAST GOS REFUTATIONS OF SEKOU TOURE'S CHARGES THAT GOS SUPPORTING ENEMIES OF GUINEA AND TRYING UNDERMINE TOURE REGIME. SECK RECALLS THAT AFTER PORTUGUESE AGGRESSION OF NOV 1970, SENEGAL HAD TAKEN MEASURES AGAINST GUINEANS RESIDENT IN SENEGAL WHO WERE ENGAGING IN ACTIVITIES CONTRARY TO GUINEAN INTERESTS. HE CONTINUED SENEGAL HAD SENT A DELEGATION HEADED BY MAGATTELO TO CONAKRY TO EXAMINE DOCUMENTS PROVIDED BY TOURE WHICH WERE SUPPOSED TO SUPPORT HIS CURRENT ACCUSATIONS OF SENEGALESE AID TO GUINEAN OPPOSITION ELEMENTS. THESE DOCUMENTS WERE WITHOUT FOUNDATION. HE DENIED THAT SENEGAL WAS OPPOSED TO GUINEAN EFFORTS TO NORMALIZE ITS RELATIONS WITH FRANCE. NOTING ONCE AGAIN GUINEAN INTERNAL PROBLEMS AND TOURE'S INABILITY LEAVE COUNTRY SECK STRESSED SENEGAL REFUSED TO SERVE AS A SCAPEGOAT.

4. AFTER SECK SPEECH NATIONAL ASSEMBLY PASSED TWO RESOLUTIONS. FIRST AFFIRMED ASSEMBLY SUPPORT FOR SENGHOR'S MIDDLE EAST POLICY. SECOND, CONDEMNED IRRESPONSIBLE ATTITUDE OF SEKOU TOURE AND APPROVED RUPTURE OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH GUINEA.

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5. COMMENT: GOS HAS EVIDENTLY GIVEN UP ON OAU INTERVENTION AS MEANS OF DEFLECTING GUINEA'S CHARGES IN SECURITY COUNCIL. SEEMS CLEAR AFRICAN STATES ARE EAGER AVOID HOPELESS MEDIATORY ROLE AND EQUALLY RELUCTANT TAKE SIDES WITH EITHER PARTY. GOS INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION PROPOSAL MIGHT DETER GUINEANS FROM PUSHING THEIR COMPLAINT BEFORE SECURITY COUNCIL OR EMBARRASS THEM IF THEY DID SO, SINCE GUINEANS UNLIKELY WELCOME INVESTIGATION BY

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REPS NON-AFRICAN STATE WHO, IN CONTRAST TO AFRICANS, MIGHT BE WILLING BRAND GUINEAN CHARGES AS UNFOUNDED.

6. CLEAR ALSO THAT GOS REMAINS VERY SENSITIVE GUINEAN ATTACKS ON VERY ISSUES WHERE SENGHOR REGIME IS MOST CRITICIZED AND VULNERABLE AT HOME: CLOSE RELATIONS WITH FRANCE, DOMINANCE OF ECONOMY BY FOREIGNERS, LACK OF SOCIALIST ZEAL, AND INSUFFICIENTLY RADICAL FOREIGN POLICY. PERKINS

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